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## What Gus Hall Said About Cuba

Following is an excerpt dealing with Cuba from the interview with Gus Hall, Communist Party general secretary, by Angel Boon of Prensa Latina.

The first question dealt with the critical threat of an invasion at the time of the interview.

Hall answered:

"Imperialism is ready to attack Cuba. Danger of invasion is real. The Eisenhower government fools no one with its false allegations of blamelessness and neutrality. There is great danger."

The questions and answers then went as follows:

Q.: "What methods will imperialism use this time?"

A.: "The U. S. Government seeks to defeat the revolution through economic blockade, diplomatic isolation, exaltation of terrorism, and finally armed attack."

Q.: "How will such attack be brought about, in your opinion?"

A.: "I am going to answer you by bringing to your mind how in 1848 the U. S. recruited and trained on her own territory the contingents of mercenaries that sneaked into Mexico later on to simulate an attack against the U. S. This artificial action was taken by the U. S. as a pretext for invading Mexico. According to the constitution, the President of the United States is not compelled to request permission from Congress to declare war when the country is attacked from without."

Q.: "Are you thinking about Guantanamo?"

A.: "It is necessary to think about everything. But you must note the data I gave you appear in the memoirs of General Grant, who took a prominent part in that invasion and was later on President of the United States."

"Imagine the things we'll get to know when Allen Dulles writes his memoirs."

"The Cuban revolution is a tremendous step forward in the history of Latin America. It is the first serious defeat of imperialism in the continent. I am exposed, among other things, Latin America's situation of dependence on the United States."

Q.: "What is the situation?"

A.: "Taking into account the new relations of interdependence existing today, we must not forget China and the Soviet Union and knowing the Cuban people's firmness, patriotism, and courage, we can conclude that imperialism will not succeed. Perhaps we, the United States, could prevent such aggression. The American people is opposed to any kind of warlike adventure. In any case, the revolution will come forth a victor."